

MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA
Lower Level – Room 40, City Hall/Court House, 15 West Kellogg Boulevard
January 22, 2009

Present: Carol Carey, April Haas, Pat Igo, Paul Larson, John Manning, Lee Meyer, Steve Trimble, Diane Trout-Oertel

Absent: Susan Bartlett Foote (excused), Carole Kralicek (excused), Lee Meyer (excused), Mark Thomas (excused), Shari Taylor Wilsey (excused)

Staff Present: Amy Spong, Christine Boulware, Cory Rucker

CALL TO ORDER: 5:05 PM by John Manning (Chair)

- 1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Agenda was approved as submitted 7-0 (**Igo, Haas**).
- 2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None were stated.
- 3. NEW BUSINESS**
- 4. PERMIT REVIEW/PUBLIC HEARING**

A. 613-619 Selby Avenue, Hill Historic District, by DeMars Signs Inc., for a sign permit to install one double-sided, projecting, neon and internal LED lit sign on the northwest corner of the building to read “Louisiana Café-Breakfast, Lunch, Coffee.” **File #09-005 Laid over from the 12-18-08 Public Hearing.**

Staff read the report recommending approval with conditions. Staff showed photos of the property and of the proposed and revised plans for signage and lighting. The applicant, Chauncey Peterson, was present to discuss the proposal. The applicant discussed the alternate proposal with goose neck lighting fixtures without neon or argon lighting which was a concern at the previous hearing. In the past, neighbors had voiced concerns about lighting and the current design proposal addressed that issue and would project light onto the sign, not adjacent homes. Commissioner Larson had questions about the electrical wiring and how it would be concealed. The wires would be placed in conduit and lead directly from the wall into the sign.

Commissioner Larson motioned for approval of the application with staff recommendations. The motion was seconded by commissioner Trout-Oertel. **Motion passed 7-0.**

B. 198 Kent Street, Hill Historic District, by Kyle Williams, owner, for a building permit to restore and replace windows and storm windows at the residence. **File #09-006**

Staff read the report recommending conditional approval of the application. Staff showed pictures of the property and the proposed changes to be made. Commissioner Haas had questions about staff findings #2 and commissioner Igo had questions about staff finding #6. Commissioner Larson had concerns about how the windows would match up to the brick outside and making sure that the windows were in line with each other. It was also noted that any replacement windows would have to match the trim, sashes and all other components that are scheduled for replacement. The applicant agreed with staff findings. There was discussion about the two sets of double-hung windows on the west elevation and maintaining the mullion profile and detail with full replacement versus sash inserts.

Trout-Oertel motioned for approval of the application with staff recommendations. Faricy seconded the motion. Haas offered a friendly amendment to clarify finding number six. Trout-Oertel accepted the amendment. **The motion passed 7-0.**

5. HISTORIC RESOURCE REVIEW – no items were recommended for review

6. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Staff spoke of the central corridor project and what role the HPC will play in regards to insight and guidance in the design of train platforms, lighting, colors and materials that are to be used. There may be some presentations to the commission in the future with 10-15 minute updates at the meetings. Staff noted the upcoming station workshops and asked for commissioner attendance.

Also, what is the HPC comfortable with staff reviewing regarding decisions for the LRT and designs. Trout-Oertel asked that the commissioners be informed of decisions by email. Larson motioned to allow staff to make minor decisions on behalf of the HPC. Haas seconded the motion. (7-0).

B. Three commission members, Trout-Oertel, Larson and Wilsey, met with Wold Architects and the Ramsey County design team for Memorial Hall and offered input and spoke on behalf of the commission.

C. The 3M planning process is underway. Trimble, Carey and Larson are on the Advisory Committee. The preservation working group will meet three times. The 106 Group is doing the survey work. Four of the six scheduled meeting are on the same night and at the same time as the HPC meetings.

D. Staff will attend a meeting with the Greater Frogtown CDC to discuss conservation districts on January 27 at 7pm.

7. ADJOURN: 6:45 P.M.

Submitted by: Cory Rucker